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Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 09, Platts Energy Bulletin* — **Gas exporters agree to enhance cooperation; no mention of cartel.** The world's leading gas exporters ended a one-day meeting Monday, April 9, with a pledge to enhance cooperation to strengthen natural gas supply security and market stability in the interests of consumers and producers, but made no formal mention of creating a gas cartel along the lines of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The 6th ministerial meeting of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum ended with a mild communique that appeared designed to put to rest, for now, speculation that the gas powers representing two-thirds of global reserves were banding together to form a cartel. The ministers of Egypt, Qatar, Indonesia, Trinidad and Tobago, Russia, Libya, Iran, Algeria and the UAE attended the Doha meeting. Venezuela, Russia, Algeria and Iran said earlier they wanted the forum to eventually develop into a gas cartel along the lines of OPEC, but said it would evolve gradually as the market became more global.

Source: <http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6372688.xml?sub=Natural%20Gas&p=Natural%20Gas/News>

2. *April 09, MSNBC* — **NRC staffers quietly become gun-toting cops.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has obtained armed federal police status for a small office of investigators whose big cases typically involve people sleeping on the job, falsifying documents or misplacing equipment. The police status was granted after the office claimed it needed powers it never or rarely uses, and raised the specter of clandestine and dangerous missions in letters and memos to other federal agencies. The Office of Investigations was formed in 1982 to investigate violations by licensees and contractors of the NRC. When agents suspect criminal violations, they're supposed to notify the Justice Department. That's because the NRC has no "statutory authority" to investigate crimes, a power that Congress has specifically granted to other agencies. The agency has recognized it does not have that power and rejected advice in a 2005 "peer review" that it consider seeking it from Congress. But in 2005 and again last year, all 30 agents in the NRC's Office of Investigations were deputized as U.S. marshals. Known as "blanket deputation" and valid until November 30, 2009, the act gives the NRC agents the power to make arrests, serve search warrants, protect confidential informants, conduct electronic eavesdropping and carry firearms.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17949763/>

3. *April 09, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-347R Combating Nuclear Smuggling: DNDO Has Not Yet Collected Most of the National Laboratories' Test Results on Radiation Portal Monitors in Support of DNDO's Testing and Development Program.** **Correspondence.** Preventing a nuclear weapon or radiological dispersal device (a "dirty bomb") from being smuggled into the United States is a key national security priority. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), has lead responsibility for conducting the research, development, testing, and evaluation of radiation detection equipment that can be used to detect smuggled nuclear or radiological materials. This report examines whether DNDO has fully collected and maintained all existing tests on portal monitors made of polyvinyl toluene (PVTs) in order to fully assess their advantages and limitations. To that end, the Government Accountability Office agreed to examine the extent to which DNDO has (1) compiled previous test results from the national laboratories on commercially available portal monitors, and (2) provided state and local authorities with information on the technical performance characteristics and operation of radiation detection equipment. GAO reports that DNDO is improving its efforts to provide technical and operational information about radiation portal monitors to state and local authorities. However, some state representatives would like to see DNDO provide more prescriptive advice on what types of radiation detection equipment to deploy and how to use it. Correspondence: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07347r.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/repandtest.html>

4. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Copper thieves wreaking havoc in metro-Phoenix.** Lights in city parks have been going dark. Water has stopped running. And when authorities arrive on the scene, the culprit is often the same: copper thieves. They have been striking all over the Phoenix, AZ area, seeking metals they can bring to scrap yards in exchange for cash. David Plumb, Mesas director of utilities, said his department has been getting calls from residents complaining their water has been turned off. But when city officials arrive on the scene, they

discover the real reason: Thieves are taking the copper "backflow prevention" devices off waterlines. "Our utility service people are getting called frequently, and frequently being two to three times a week," Plumb said. Gilbert and Chandler police also have received calls about copper thefts. Chandler police, for instance, received 200 calls involving copper thefts from the beginning of 2006 through March of this year. Salt River Project, a utility, has suffered losses totaling \$300,000 to \$400,000 in the last three years. The theft of \$1,000 worth of copper can result in about \$50,000 worth of damage to a substation.

Source: <http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=6340777>

5. *April 05, NY 1 News (NY)* — **Con Ed works to upgrade system ahead of busy summer power season.** It's still cool outside but Con Edison is working to avoid another blackout in Queens, NY once the weather heats up. The power company has made several upgrades to its system. New breakers, feeder cables, and transformers are just some of the improvements Con Ed has made to its Northwest Queens network. The company has sent \$90 million on improvements that include the addition of two new feeder cables. Nearly half of the system's feeder cables failed last summer which played a major role in the nine-day blackout. "That allows us to reduce the loads on the existing feeders and provide additional reliability to the network," says Stephen Quinn of Con Edison. "We've also upgraded the protective devices that sense problems on the network adding computerized relaying to our 24 feeder positions."

Source: <http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=10&aid=68426>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

6. *April 09, San Jose Mercury News (CA)* — **Investigators test samples of air after fire at metal plant.** Investigators spent Sunday, April 8, taking air samples to determine whether a metal-recycling company violated air-quality standards after a fire broke out the day before at its Redwood City, CA, site, sending thick clouds of smoke into the air and sparking widespread health concerns. Crews gathered samples upwind and downwind, but results won't be known for several days, if not weeks, said Karen Schkolnick of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The fire was put out Sunday evening, but the health risks remain a mystery. Meanwhile, fire investigators are still trying to figure out what caused the blaze, which broke out Saturday morning. More than 60 firefighters fought the fire at Sims Metal, 699 Seaport Blvd., just east of Highway 101. Thousands called 911, and officials asked people to stay indoors to reduce their chances of falling ill. Many people complained of shortness of breath and stinging eyes.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/localnewsheadlines/ci_5625874?ncl ick_check=1

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *April 05, Department of Defense* — **DoD works to improve acquisition process.** Department of Defense (DoD) officials work every day to ensure service requirements and resources are integrated, and to improve the overall acquisition process, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff said Thursday, April 5. Navy Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani addressed a crowd of active and retired servicemembers, defense industry officials and other civilian professionals at the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition. Giambastiani serves as the chairman of the joint requirements oversight council, which by law is made up of him and the four service vice chiefs. However, to better inform the council's debates and to increase trust and confidence, the group has opened its discussions and debates to combatant commanders, the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, defense agencies, other federal agencies and other cabinet departments, he said. Another improvement is that the joint requirements oversight council now considers cost risk at the beginning of the acquisition process, rather than letting the services deal with the results of their decisions later, Giambastiani said. If programs project large cost growths, the council will revisit its requirements and make necessary changes, Giambastiani said.

Source: <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=32710>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *April 07, InformationWeek* — **Banks are rolling out mobile applications, and credit card providers are moving forward with contactless payment capabilities.** Mobile devices still have their shortcomings as a banking tool, but several large banks think the time is right for a major rollout of on-the-go financial management. Besides usability and access issues, security looms as a potential problem. Mobile applications preloaded on cell phones mean personal information will be stored on phones, posing a huge risk. The banks are putting a lot of effort into securing their mobile offerings. With Citibank's Citi Mobile service, the phones don't store any personal information and transactions are secured with 128-bit encryption. Customers accessing Bank of America's online banking service from their cell phones are protected by the bank's SiteKey security technology. Banks may be trying to turn cell phones into vital financial tools, but MasterCard and Visa are planning to make them into credit card replacements. Both of the credit card providers for the past few years have been testing contactless payments.

Source: http://www.informationweek.com/software/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=M14V0VZ1020U2QSNDLRCKHSCJUNN2JVN?articleID=19880091_9

9. *April 07, Chicago Tribune* — **Laptops with teacher data stolen.** For the second time in six months, Chicago Public Schools will pay for credit protection for current and former employees whose personal information was either stolen or released accidentally. The school system said it will pay for one year of credit protection for the 40,000 employees whose names and Social Security numbers were on two laptop computers stolen from school headquarters Friday, April 6. At 11:30 a.m. CDT Friday, the laptops, containing pension fund payment information from 2003 to 2006, were discovered missing from a 13th-floor room in the district's main office. The computers belonged to McGladrey & Pullen, an accounting firm that was reviewing payments made by teachers into the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-070407laptops-update-story.1.6827626.story?coll=chi-news-hed>

10. *April 06, Hortica Press Release* — **Insurance company alerting public to loss of backup tapes.** Florists' Mutual Insurance Company (Hortica), an Illinois-based provider of employee

benefits and insurance to companies in the horticultural industry, Friday, April 6, announced that a locked shipping case containing magnetic backup tapes cannot be located. Hortica believes that the backup tapes contained personal information including names, Social Security numbers, drivers' license numbers, and/or bank account numbers. The locked shipping case was being transported by UPS from a secure offsite facility to the company's Illinois headquarters. Hortica is continuing its investigation of this incident and is working with various law enforcement agencies to locate the shipping case. "UPS and law enforcement agencies have no evidence to indicate an unauthorized individual has possession of the tapes," said Robert McClellan, president and chief executive officer. "It is important for customers to note that these tapes cannot be read without specific computer equipment and software." Mr. McClellan said Hortica has since altered its backup tape storage procedures so shipment of backup tapes by common carrier is no longer required. No unusual activity involving customer information has been reported to the company.

Source: <http://www.hortica-insurance.com/hotTopics/26.PDF>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

11. *April 09, Associated Press* — **Mouse delays Vietnamese flight.** A fugitive mouse delayed the departure of a Japan-bound airliner for more than four hours Sunday, April 8, as technicians hunted down the potential threat. A passenger spotted the white mouse running on the floor of the plane on an initial leg of the Vietnam Airlines flight, prompting a hunt by about a dozen technicians worried that it could chew through a vital wire. The mouse was found in a food storage area and the Boeing 777 was cleared for takeoff, said Tran Tien Dung, head of the airline's air safety department. Chan said Vietnamese aviation authorities suspect that a passenger brought the mouse on board in hand luggage.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/04/09/ap3592884.html>

12. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Fire in Metro train car prompts evacuation, investigation.** Two loud booms prompted the evacuation of a Washington, DC, Metro subway train and underground station Sunday, April 8, and smoke and fire were discovered in the undercarriage of a rail car, transit system officials said. No injuries were reported at the Waterfront station on the Green Line in Southwest Washington. The fire was reported about 10 a.m. EST. Smoke filled the station, which was closed and reopened about 2 1/2 hours later. District of Columbia firefighters extinguished the fire, and Metro workers took the train to a maintenance facility to investigate what caused the fire. Passengers on the train described a terrifying scene as alarms sounded and thick smoke filled the station. The fire appeared to have started in the electric motor of one of Metro's newest rail cars, which had been put into service within the past few months. Dozens of people evacuated the train and station. The station manager estimated between 30 and 70 passengers were in the station at the time.

Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-663142~Fire_in_Metro_train_car_prompts_evacuation_investigation.html

13. *April 08, KSAT San Antonio* — **Officials call Texas airport bomb scare a hoax.** An afternoon bomb scare at San Antonio International Airport turned out to be nothing more than a hoax. On Sunday, April 8, a customs officer found what looked like a suspicious device in one of the

bathrooms. As a safety precaution, the airport closed off terminal No. 1 for about an hour. Officials said it looked like a large firecracker with some other items attached. Once police deemed the terminal safe, it was reopened.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/11576992/detail.html>

- 14. *April 07, Reuters* — Airline blames diet for pilot breath test failure.** An airline pilot arrested just before take-off on suspicion of being over the alcohol limit was not drunk and the diet he was on may have been to blame for the confusion, airline Virgin Atlantic said on Saturday, April 7. Police arrested the 47-year-old pilot of a New York-bound Virgin Atlantic plane at London's Heathrow airport last Saturday after being tipped off by security staff who thought the pilot had been drinking. While an initial breath test showed the pilot to be over the alcohol limit, police told the pilot on Saturday that a blood test was negative, Virgin Atlantic spokesperson Paul Charles said. "The result showed the amount of alcohol in the blood was consistent with that of a non-drinker," he said. No charges will be brought against the British pilot.

Source: http://investing.reuters.co.uk/news/articleinvesting.aspx?type=allBreakingNews&storyID=2007-04-07T160400Z_01_L07661350_RTRIDST_0_VIRGIN-PILOT.XML

- 15. *April 07, Orlando Sentinel (FL)* — Second emergency stop at airport.** For the second time in eight days, an Allegiant Air flight made an emergency landing Friday, April 6, at Orlando Sanford International Airport. Flight 707 departed from Sanford with 130 people aboard en route to Des Moines, IA. But it was forced to return when the plane's instruments indicated it was over its weight limit. On March 29, the front landing gear on an Allegiant jet arriving from Portsmouth, NH, failed to deploy, forcing the pilot to land with the plane's nose scraping the runway.

Source: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/seminole/orl-mcfbriefs07_407apr07.0.3237932.story?coll=orl-news-headlines-semi_nole

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

- 16. *April 09, The Farmer* — Minnesota increases bovine tuberculosis testing requirements.** Since deer have been identified as infected with bovine tuberculosis (TB) in northwestern Minnesota, the Board of Animal Health announced it will increase testing requirements for cattle herds located within a 12-mile area surrounding the positive deer. Surveillance by the state Department of Natural Resources of hunter harvested free-ranging white-tailed deer during the last two hunting seasons identified seven TB-infected deer within the immediate vicinity of formerly TB-infected cattle premises. The potential for contact with TB-infected deer poses a risk to cattle herds in the area. Under the plan, the Board will work with cattle

producers in the core area to implement measures such as fencing and alternative feeding and watering methods to mitigate the risk of interaction between deer and cattle. Producers will inventory and TB-test their cattle herds annually. All animals in the core area will also require testing prior to moving off the farm.

Source: <http://the-farmer.com/index.aspx?ascxid=fpStory&fpsid=27794&fpstid=2>

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Food Sector

17. *April 09, McClatchy Newspapers* — **Pet food rules a patchwork.** A pet food recall that began more than three weeks ago for food made at a plant in Emporia, KS, has since widened to six other U.S. manufacturers. Even as the recall expanded to include some dry food and pet treats, pet owners still don't know what has sickened and killed perhaps thousands of animals, and the process has left many wondering who is ensuring the safety of pet food and how. While the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has oversight at the federal level, much of the day-to-day regulation is relegated to states, each with its own laws, rules and systems, resulting in a patchwork lacking cohesiveness and consistency. This week the U.S. Senate is set to begin hearings that will include testimony from the FDA. Duane Ekedahl, president of the Pet Food Institute, an industry association, disagrees that the system is broken. He says it is a system of tight checks and balances, which is closely watched by the FDA.

Source: <http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/living/health/17050130.htm>

18. *April 05, Associated Press* — **Four countries restrict poultry imports from West Virginia.** Cuba, Japan, Russia and Taiwan have declared poultry from West Virginia temporarily ineligible for importation following the discovery of avian flu at a turkey farm. The countries will not accept any poultry or poultry products from the state. Also, Hong Kong will not accept such imports from Pendleton County, where the avian flu was found, said Matt Herrick, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service. Timeframes for resuming poultry imports will depend on each country's standards. For example, Cuba allows such imports to resume 21 days after the disease is detected, providing the poultry farm is sterilized to its standards, Herrick said. "The remaining countries ... it's a case-by-case basis," he said.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/04/05/america/NA-GEN-US-Avian-Flu.php>

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Water Sector

19. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Court backs canal expansion in U.S.-Mexico dispute.** An appeals court has ruled that the U.S. government can line a major canal with concrete to stop huge leaks, rejecting arguments that growers across the border in Mexico need the leaking water for their crops. Proponents of lining the All-American Canal say it would save 67,000 acre-feet of water, enough to meet the needs of more than 500,000 homes in fast-growing San Diego, CA. Opponents, who sued to block the project, said it would devastate farmers in the Mexicali Valley. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of

a law signed by President Bush last year that orders the Bureau of Reclamation to start the project without delay. The court's ruling lifts an injunction granted last year when opponents sued. The 82-mile-long canal was completed in 1942 to carry water west from the Colorado River. It irrigates crops along both sides of the border in an area about 100 miles east of San Diego.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/04/08/ap/national/main26_61277.shtml

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Public Health Sector

20. *April 08, Reuters* — **Beijing to boost disease control for Olympics.** Beijing, China, will set aside thousands of hospital beds for emergency use during the 2008 Olympic Games in case of outbreaks of infectious diseases, state media reported on Sunday, April 8. By the time the Games begin in August 2008, the city would have 6,350 beds and 144 hospitals equipped to diagnose and treat infectious diseases.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/PEK255645.htm>

21. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Egyptian girl diagnosed with bird flu.** A Cairo teenager has contracted the H5N1 strain of bird flu, bringing to 34 the number of people to be diagnosed with the disease since it appeared in Egypt last year, Egypt's state-run news agency said Sunday, April 8. Maryana Kameel Michael, 15, was admitted to a Cairo hospital on Thursday, April 5, because she had a fever, Health Ministry spokesman Abdel Rahman Shahin told the state news agency, MENA. She contracted the virus from domestic birds her family raises at home, MENA quoted Shahin as saying. Including Michael, 34 Egyptians have contracted the bird flu since February 2006. Of the 34, 13 have died.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/04/08/africa/ME-GEN-Egypt-Bird-Flu.php>

22. *April 08, Agence France-Presse* — **Tuberculosis reaches alarming levels in Marshall Islands.** Tuberculosis has reached "alarming" levels in the Marshall Islands despite aggressive attempts to detect and treat the deadly disease, a specialist said. Some 126 new cases were recorded in the Pacific island nation of 60,000 people last year, statistics released by the Ministry of Health showed. "It's alarming," said tuberculosis consultant Subroto Banerji from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The infection rate is nearly four times the average in the Pacific region and 47 times the rate in the U.S. The geography of the nation is a challenge to controlling the disease which infects the lungs and is usually transmitted through coughing and sneezing. Although the population is relatively small, people live on islands scattered across 500,000 square miles of ocean, and many islands are accessible only by small boats.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070408/hl_afp_marshallsdisease_070408212718

23. *April 07, Agence France-Presse* — **Indonesia confirms 74th bird flu death.** Bird flu killed a 29-year-old man in Indonesia after he came into contact with dead chickens, taking the country's human death toll from the disease to 74, the health ministry said Saturday, April 7. The 29-year-old man was the 94th person infected by the disease in Indonesia, the country worst hit by the virus. People who contract the disease in Indonesia are very likely to die, as its

bird flu fatality rate is nearly 79 percent.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070407/hl_afp/healthfluindonesia_070407200550

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Government Sector

24. *April 05, U.S. Newswire* — **GSA to initiate final implementation of Federal Acquisition Service.** Full implementation is cleared to begin for the U.S. General Service Administration's (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) organizational plan, after the agency reached an agreement with both unions representing employees, Administrator Lurita Doan announced Thursday, April 5. The first GSA Order establishing FAS's organizational design followed shortly after President George W. Bush signed into law H.R. 2066, the General Services Administration Modernization Act in October 2006. This act authorized creation of FAS and established a new, single GSA fund out of two to streamline acquisitions for GSA customers — the Acquisition Services Fund. A second GSA Order in December 2006 established FAS regional structures. Positions, reporting relationships and operational processes within FAS are established with the completion of collective bargaining obligations. With these negotiations now complete, GSA will implement the entire package of changes necessary for creating the new FAS headquarters and 11 regional offices across the nation. GSA serves as a centralized procurement and property management agency for the federal government. GSA manages more than one-fourth of the government's total procurement dollars and influences the management of \$500 billion in federal assets, including 8,300 government-owned or leased buildings and 205,000 vehicles.

Source: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/government/20070406/DCTH04505042007-1.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *April 08, Virginian-Pilot* — **Hurricane evacuation times getting longer on Outer Banks.** According to a recently released North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) State Hurricane Evacuation Study, by 2030, if a hurricane were to hit the Outer Banks at the height of the tourist season it would take 46 hours to clear U.S. 158 and 31 hours to clear U.S. 64 through Columbia, SC. On average, it takes 26 hours to evacuate the northeastern North Carolina coast. In 2030, it will take 39 hours. On the southeast coast, it's 12-1/2 hours and 18 hours, respectively. Evacuation times are decreased with weaker storms and fewer tourists. On July Fourth weekend, there can be more than 200,000 visitors on the Outer Banks. The study said law enforcement and emergency management personnel agreed that evacuations should take no longer than 18 hours on the coast. The study oversight committee, however, recognized that financial and environmental restrictions make it unlikely the DOT could construct enough roads in the northeast to meet the 18-hour goal.

Source: <http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=122544&ran=57429>

26. *April 06, Business & Legal Reports* — **New guide covers emergency evacuation planning for people with disabilities.** The National Fire Protection Association has published a new guide

for developing an emergency evacuation plan that includes the needs of people with disabilities. The Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities provides general information on identifying the needs of people with disabilities for the purposes of emergency evacuation planning. The guide highlights the needs, criteria, and minimum information required to incorporate appropriate planning strategies for people with disabilities into emergency evacuation plans. The guide covers 5 general categories of disabilities, including mobility impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments, and cognitive impairments. The guide also includes a personal emergency evacuation planning checklist that building services managers and people with disabilities can use to design a personalized evacuation plan.

The Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities:

<http://www.nfpa.org/evacuationguide>.

Source: <http://hr.blr.com/news.aspx?id=75697>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

27. April 09, IDG News Service — Google fixes security hole in Chinese software tool. Google has closed a security hole in a recently released Chinese–input software tool that lies at the heart of a dispute with Chinese Internet company Sohu.com. "We had found this problem and have solved it during the product upgrade on Friday" wrote Google spokesperson Cui Jin. On Friday, April 6, Chinese security company Rising Co. said Google's Pinyin Input Method Editor presented a serious security threat to Microsoft Windows Vista users. The company warned users not to download and install the software, which lets users type Chinese characters by entering their Pinyin romanization equivalents, saying hackers could exploit a flaw to take control of a user's computers. Rising said Microsoft also bears responsibility for the vulnerability, noting that software released by other companies could recreate the same vulnerability.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/infoworld/20070409/tc_infoworld/87512;_ylt=AoUOIBWVp8byK3y_OSfpi_ojtBAF

28. April 09, ComputerWorld — More problems pop up with Microsoft's ANI patch. Microsoft Corp. has acknowledged several new problems with the emergency patch it released last week to quash the Windows animated cursor file (ANI) bug and has updated a hotfix that it's telling some Windows XP SP2 users to download and install. The first problem with the MS07–017 update, the series of seven patches released last Tuesday, April 3, that among other things fixed the ANI flaw, was known to Microsoft before it posted the security bulletin. In fact, a hotfix to correct a flaw in the Realtek HD Audio Control Panel was published simultaneously with MS07–017. A glance at the Microsoft support forums that day and the next, however, showed that many Realtek users were unaware of the hotfix and were frustrated by the error messages they saw after installing the security update. Last Friday, Microsoft refreshed the hotfix to include three more third–party applications that won't start and may throw up an error message that states, "The system DLL user32.dll was relocated in memory. The application will not run properly." The applications are ElsterFormular, a German value–added tax calculator; TUGZip, a free compression utility; and CD–Tag, a \$19 CD ripper.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewA>

29. *April 06, eWeek* — **NAC attack: Today's products will fail, report says.** Forrester Research analysts are urging corporations to prepare for a shift in the Network Access Control (NAC) market in the years to come, as NAC vendors move toward new software-based tools that leverage endpoint technology to proactively manage risk. In a report titled "Client Management 2.0," Forrester analysts Natalie Lambert and Robert Whiteley forecast the death of modern NAC products, which they say feature too much complexity and not enough interoperability. Operations management teams want a unified solution, Lambert said. The report also contends that many NAC products focus solely on compliance with security policies instead of the remediation problematic machines, and are not able to defend against newly emerging threats. In addition, the researchers stated that existing NAC systems often result in multiple policies being established to control the same processes.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2112120,00.asp>

30. *April 06, MacNewsWorld* — **Security researchers create iPod virus.** It was only a matter of time before someone developed a proof-of-concept virus aimed at the iPod. Discovered by Kaspersky Lab, the virus is a file that can be launched and run on an iPod. The good news for the majority of iPod users is that Linux must be installed on the device for the virus to function; iPods running Linux are a decidedly smaller subset. If the virus, dubbed "Podloso," should manage to latch onto such an iPod, it would install itself in the folder that contains the program demo versions. Once launched, according to Kaspersky Lab, the virus scans the device's hard disk and infects all executable .elf format files. When the user tries to access these files, a message is displayed on the screen that says, "You are infected with Oslo the first iPodLinux Virus." Podloso is a typical proof-of-concept virus, according to Kaspersky, created in order to show that it is possible to infect a specific platform. Like most of the ballyhooed mobile phone viruses, Podloso is unable to spread.

Source: <http://www.macnewsworld.com/story/E5SKyrF5GUatOL/iPod-Proof-of-Concept-Virus-No-Teeth-No-Legs.xhtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

31. *April 09, CBS/Associated Press* — **Deadly shooting at Michigan office building.** A gunman shot and killed one person and wounded two others at a suburban Detroit office building Monday morning, April 9, and officers were searching for the shooter both inside and outside the building, police said. Troy police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck said police were searching for Anthony LaCalamita, a 38-year-old Troy man. LaCalamita was listed as part of the

professional staff on the Website of Gordon Advisors, a public accounting and business consulting firm located in the building where the shooting took place. Scherlinck said the shooter used a long gun — either a rifle or a shotgun — and was a former employee of one of the offices inside the building. The shooter might have been terminated as recently as a week ago, police said. They were not sure whether the gunman still was inside the building after noon. The 170,000-square-foot building houses a number of businesses, including law offices and the accounting firm where the shooting was believed to have occurred. Police at first told workers to stay in their offices but a short time later evacuated the building.

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- 32. April 09, Associated Press — Vandals strike Michigan school bus fleet.** Public school students got an extra day of spring break in Bay City, MI, on Monday, April 9, after vandals deflated the tires on all 88 of the district's school buses. Classes were canceled because of the lack of transportation. The vandals hit sometime over the weekend, district transportation director Michael Gwizdala said. There was no evidence of damage to the fence around the bus yard, and the vandals left behind nothing obvious but the flat tires. "They opened the valves and took the core out," Gwizdala said. "There were no punctures or anything." Similar bus attacks have forced class cancellations elsewhere in recent months, including several suburban Detroit schools and towns in Ohio and Connecticut. Three 16-year-olds from Farmington were charged with felonies in January, accused of helping to deflate tires on 62 school buses there. In Ohio, three teenage boys pleaded guilty in March to felony vandalism for breaking windows on Jackson Local School District buses on New Year's Eve. Scottsdale, AZ buses also were hit over the weekend by vandals who smashed windows on about 70 school buses, a third of the fleet. Bay City school officials expected their buses to be in use again on Tuesday.

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